

River City Beemers

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RCB Newsletter



BMW MOA Club #210 & BMWRA Club #104

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Recurring Events:

Member Meeting: 1st Saturday of Every Month

Location: Susie's Country Oaks Cafe,
1000 Melody Lane,
Roseville, CA 95678

Breakfast or such when you arrive. Meeting starts at 8:00 A.M. and runs until 9:00 A.M. or so, depending on what the Rafflemeister has in his goodie bag. Weather permitting there is a member ride after the meeting. Check the web site for details at rcb.org.

Wednesday Night Dinner Ride

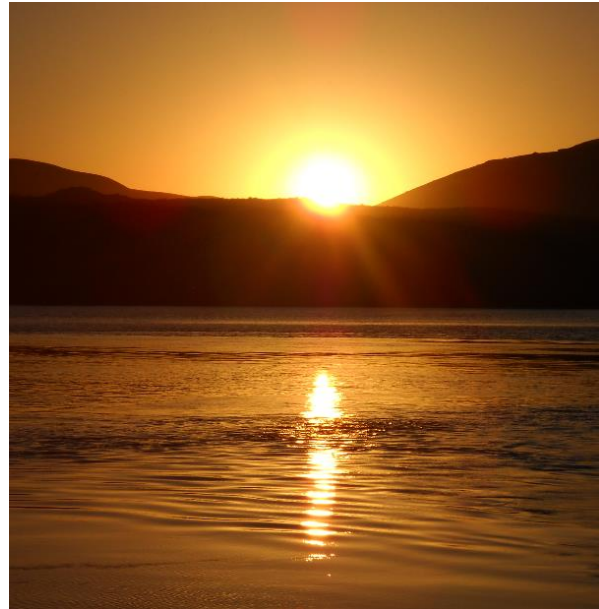
Location: Coffee Republic
6610 Folsom-Auburn Road,
Folsom, CA 95630

Riders meet at the Folsom Coffee Republic before heading out to a local dining establishment 30-45 minutes away. After dinner, the riders return home on their own. Locations are chosen the previous week by the participants. Yes, we ride in rain and during holiday periods. Each week's destination is usually posted in the forum on the previous Monday or Tuesday.

Board of Directors Meeting

Location: Kathrin's Biergarten
4810 Granite Dr.
Rocklin, Ca.

The RCB board of directors meets monthly to review past activities and plan future events. Consideration is given to member interest and cost, and the meeting is open to all. While the meeting begins at 7:00 P.M., most of the directors gather earlier to have dinner.



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2019 – 2020	Laura Musgrave	916-334-5901
2019 – 2020	Bob Rasters	925-606-6129
2019 – 2020	Bob Brown	530-263-2823
2019 – 2020	Ken Caruthers	916-712-1014
2019 – 2020	Marv Lewis	916-208-1110
2019 – 2020	Rick Kilton	541-331-9553
2019 – 2020	Bob Highfill	925-200-6910
2019 – 2020	Karl Weiland	530-409-5409
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Rafflemeister	Bob Rasters	925-606-6129
Ride Leader	Ken Caruthers	916-712-1014

RCB Calendar of Events

(See RCB Web Site / Forum for Details)

**ALL RCB EVENTS ARE CANCELLED
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE TO COMPLY
WITH COVID-19 ORDERS**

**PLEASE CONSULT THE RCB FORUM
FOR DETAILS ON UP-COMING EVENTS**

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President's Corner

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Been about a year now since we started our journey down the pandemic path we have been on and I'm not sure whether I wanna cry or laugh about it. Some counties have moved to the red tier, whatever the hell that means, and others, like Placer County remain in the dreaded purple tier, whatever the hell that means! My travels recently have been that there is inside dining in many places, albeit at reduced capacities. Still, a huge improvement in retrospect of 6 or 7 months ago so, we will take it right? All the numbers are showing things are going in the right direction, so I am optimistic that we will begin resuming club activities very soon. Looking forward to a full blown club meeting, so keep your fingers crossed.

It is nice to see Terry Lee leading the resumption of the Coastal Classic in Fortuna on April 23rd -25th. Info for this trip is under Rides and Destinations. They still have reduced capacity for dining but as Terry said, that could change by late April and I hope it does. Everyone have fun!

Get your camping gear together or make motel reservations, cause things are ramping up for the MOA Int'l in Great Falls Montana. I received an e-mail, as a few other club members have from the Norcal BMW club in regard to sharing a 20x40 Pop up if you will. These are very nice shelters in my experience. My riding group last weekend which included 3 board members all agreed, "That's a no brainer!" So I contacted Norcal's contact Michael and secured our half of this shelter. Montana is a beautiful state but the sun is very intense even when not hot and it can rain buckets in a flash. You want a shelter for these reasons, and we have that. One less thing to consider. This will be a great event. If you haven't been to one you need to go to this one. No regrets! Thanks to Jack K. for being RCB's point of contact with the MOA. In regard to this event! There are many great routes to Great Falls, so if you are interested in leading a group there, then post it and see who wants to ride along. Make sure you bring rain gear or wear Goretex in this country. Afternoon rain showers are totally possible.

.....This just in from Michael at Norcal! It is confirmed that our Chartered Club campsite will be right by the shelter per the Rally Chair! Nice!

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With spring upon us the weather improves, and the days grow longer, keep an eye open on this forum for Wed. night dinner rides. Marv knows the good places to go so check this forum often.

As a club we are beginning to look at ways to get activities rolling again. The last year has in many ways just plain been a disappointment for everyone. So look at it this way. The Coastal Classic, the MOA Int'l and The Stofer Memorial at Manchester Beach are on the calendar, so compared to 2020 that is mucho better and 2021 is gonna be ok for RCB. Not perfect maybe, but heading in the right direction!

See ya soon!

Mike

MOA National Rally Frequently Asked Questions and Rally Volunteering

**By Tom Moe 33028,
BMWMOA Regional Coordinator**

WHEN AND WHERE IS THE RALLY?

The 2021 MOA Rally will be held in Great Falls, Montana from June 24-27, 2021.
Montana ExpoPark
400 3rd St NW
Great Falls, MT 59404
(406) 727-8900

HOW DO I REGISTER?

Online rally registration will open on 1 January 2021, at BMWMOA.ORG and is available until the rally ends. Registration forms will be available in BMW Owners News.

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Registration incentives will be announced on the website and in the magazine as they become available.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST TO ATTEND THE RALLY?

MOA Members: \$65 in advance; \$85 at the gate

Non-Members: \$85 in advance; \$105 at the gate

Children ages 6-15: \$10 in advance; \$15 at the gate

Children ages five and under: No charge

Saturday-only Day Passes: \$35

Register now at [HTTPS://BMWMOAF.REGFOX.COM/2020RALLY](https://BMWMOAF.REGFOX.COM/2020RALLY)

WHAT DO I GET FOR MY RALLY FEE?

For your full rally registration fee (excluding children and day passes), you will receive admission to the rally for Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, entry into door prize drawings, eligibility for our Grand Prize drawings and the BMW MOA prize bike. Your registration also includes camping fees for the Montana ExpoPark.

WHAT FORMS OF PAYMENT ARE ACCEPTED?

Personal checks, MasterCard, Visa, American Express, Discover, and cash are accepted.

WHEN IS THE EARLIEST I CAN ARRIVE AT THE RALLY AND SET UP CAMP?

Anyone arriving prior to Thursday **must be an identified volunteer** with a rally committee and will be expected to volunteer for rally set-up duties. Rally set-up is a big effort, and the set-up volunteers need an opportunity to get their work done in a timely fashion. Please give these volunteers a chance to get the rally ready before your arrival.

WILL THERE BE DAY PASSES AT THE RALLY?

Day passes will be available at Rally Registration on Saturday only. Day passes will allow access to the event, but will not include door prize tickets, pin, patch, or rally program. Cost is \$35 for all day on Saturday.

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DO I HAVE TO BE A MEMBER OF THE MOA TO ATTEND?

No. The Rally is open to BMW MOA members and their guests. Rally attendance is contingent on abiding by the rules and policies of the BMW MOA, and at the discretion of the Rally Chairs. We reserve the sole right to deny admission and/or remove persons from the rally grounds based on our discretion. While MOA members receive a registration discount, non-members may join the MOA online or at the rally registration rate and receive the MOA member discount. A one-year membership is \$49 for U.S. residents. Please see the BMW MOA website for the extensive list MOA member benefits which easily off-set the annual membership fee.

DO I HAVE TO RIDE A BMW MOTORCYCLE TO ATTEND?

While the BMW MOA National Rally is specific to BMW motorcycles, we welcome riders and guests on all marques. All bikes must meet local noise abatement regulations and rally attendance is contingent on abiding by the rules and policies of the BMW MOA and the discretion of the Rally Chairs.

DO I HAVE TO RIDE A MOTORCYCLE TO ATTEND?

No.

CAN I BRING A FRIEND?

Yes. Please bring your friends and allow us to make them feel like part of the family! Non-MOA members are welcome but have a slightly higher ticket cost. Of course, they can always join the MOA at the time of registration and get the member discount for admission!

I'VE ARRIVED! WHAT SHOULD I DO FIRST?

First things first. Register for the rally or check-in if you registered online before the rally. Check in at the registration building to receive your wristband, rally program, door prize tickets, etc. If you are camping, proceed to the designated camping area and pick a spot to pitch your tent. Meet your neighbors, make new friends, and relax. Once you've settled in, visit the Rally Central to turn in your door prize tickets, pick up your pin and rally mug and sign up at the Awards Booth you never know what you may win!

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First time at an MOA International Rally? We're glad you're here! Be sure to stop in and introduce yourself at the Ambassador's Booth.

Need to charge your electronic devices? We've got you covered at the Electronics Charging Station. Be sure to bring your own cord.

Check out the MOA Gear Shop for Rally shirts and other cool MOA items. Visit the MOA Foundation Booth to learn more about rider safety, education and training.

Last, but certainly not least, start having fun!

HOW CAN I VOLUNTEER TO HELP OUT?

Lots of work happens before the Rally even opens. Contact the Volunteer Committee Chair, PAUL RUFFEL for current needs. At the rally, the Volunteer Booth is located in the MOA building and you can sign up to volunteer there. Stop by and sign up for a shift or two. NOTHING would happen without our fantastic volunteers! See the Rally Website for needs and to sign up. Still looking for local volunteers for post rally cleanup.

CAN I SHIP ITEMS TO THE RALLY?

You may ship items to the rally, but please do NOT ship any packages to arrive before Wednesday, June 18. ALL items should be addressed as follows:

Your Name / Cell Phone #
Montana Expo Park Four Seasons Arena
400 3rd St NW,
Great Falls, MT 59404

WHERE DO I PICK UP ITEMS SHIPPED TO THE RALLY?

Receiving will be in the Pacific Steel and Recycling building. The building will be open Monday, June 21, to Saturday June 26, 9 AM to 5PM.

WILL IT BE POSSIBLE TO SHIP ITEMS HOME FROM THE RALLY?

Yes, an on-site shipping service will be available once the rally opens through Sunday morning.

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THE GARMIN ZUMO XT By Rich Alves, Chief of Stuff Ret.

I recently learned that in March of 2020, Garmin released a new GPS unit, the Zumo XT, that had a "brighter screen." I've owned several Garmin GPS units over the last couple decades and one recurring complaint has been how dim the screens were. In shady conditions they were difficult to read. In sunlight conditions, they became almost impossible to read. When Garmin added color to their screens, it became even worse. I've sent more than a few back to Garmin to make the screen brighter. However, when returned they were always as dim and unreadable as before.



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Garmin has indeed made the screen brighter and easier to read in the sunlight. The difference is even greater than what shows in the pictures above. However, there was a challenge remaining.

The Bluetooth Journey

There is no longer an audio jack for earmolds or headphones. They are now using Bluetooth to connect. In order to plug my Challenger Earmolds into an audio jack, I needed to use some sort of Bluetooth Adapter. I went to Amazon, searched for "Bluetooth Adapter," and ordered one that had a high sales volume and high ratings. When it arrived, I followed all the directions, charged it up, paired it to the Zumo XT, plugged my earmolds into the audio jack, and checked it out.

Three Ways to Play Music on the Zumo XT

1. Connect your Zumo XT to a computer. Add mp3 (only) music files to Your PC > zumo XT > Internal Storage > MP3 folder.
2. Create an MP3 folder on a MicroSD card and add mp3 (only) music files to that folder. Install the MicroSD card in your Zumo XT.
3. Add any type of music files (mp3, MPEG, AAC, Protected AAC, etc.) to your iPhone and pair your iPhone to your Zumo.

Now let's continue The Bluetooth Journey

I could listen to music really well. However, I could not listen to navigation directions, which for me are much more important than music.

I phoned Garmin Technical Support. My conversation with Irwin lasted over two hours. We tried and re-tried and re-tried different "solutions," none of which worked. He started out knowing that "my" problem was not knowing what I was doing. He eventually started thinking that there might be a problem with his solutions. He took what was now "our" problem to the Product Support experts and told me that I would be contacted by email.

A few days later I received a nice email from Debi in Garmin Product Support. Over the course of the next two weeks, Debi and I exchanged over a dozen emails with various questions, answers, and thoughts. I learned that there were a mind-numbing number of Bluetooth Types, Profiles, Versions, Classifications, etc. In the end Debi shared that she also had learned a lot during this process including what types of Bluetooth receivers would work with the Zumo XT.

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The bottom line.

- You need a Bluetooth 5.0 receiver with HSP, HFP, and A2DP profiles
- I bought a TaoTronics TT-BR06 receiver at Amazon for \$18.
- It's simple to use and it works.

And now for dessert

At \$499, the XT is less expensive than a couple of its predecessors, including the 590 which was \$799.

Riding Tips

By Former RCB President and All-Around Good Guy - Gary Stofer (RIP)

February 2006

Safety tip: When you're riding early or late in the day, pay attention to your shadow. Long shadows are telling you something. They are pointing at drivers who cannot see you because they are blinded by the sun. This is just something additional to remember. Of course, you should always ride like you're invisible anyway but there are times you really are. Just my reminder to:

Ride Safe

Ride Often

Got Mufflers?

A COVID-19 Request

MANY THANKS TO THOSE WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED!!

Please take a few minutes to dig out some pictures of you at your riding best, worst or when you were young, foolish and invincible. Have a memorable ride, or epiphany while riding? Tell us about it.

Please send me photos and a short story to go with the photos for the Newsletter.

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Now don't be bashful.

Your pictures and story will help us all get through this viral mess.

Please take photos and write notes.
Better yet write an article or ride report.

If you read an interesting article send me a copy.
Please send them to me at jackklau@comcast.net and I will add them to
the newsletter to share with members.

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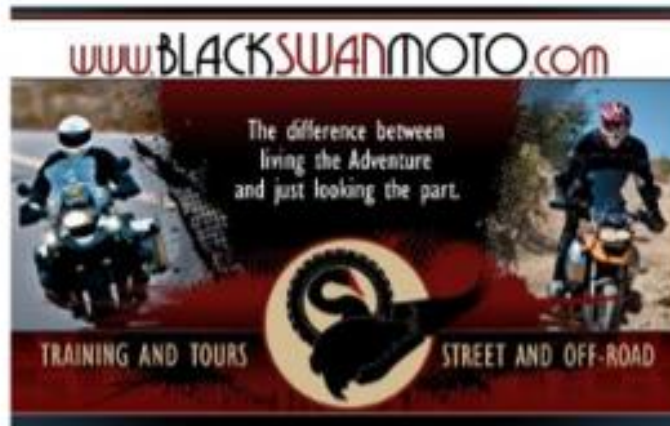
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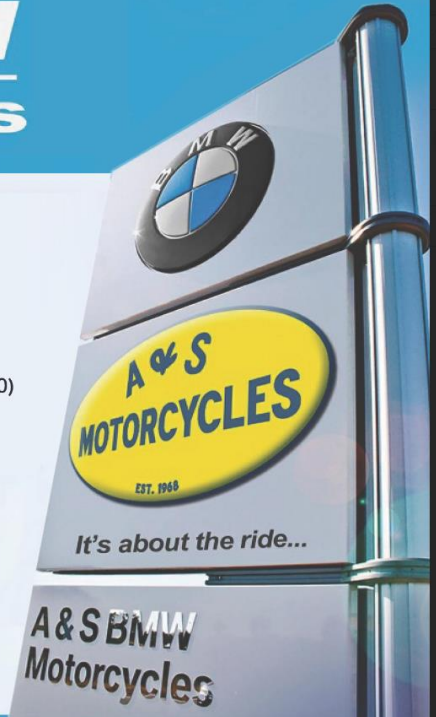
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